

comments to five (5) minutes. Longer comments should be summarized at the public hearing and submitted in writing either at the hearing or mailed to the address listed at the end of this announcement. All written comments must be postmarked by June 19, 1995, to become part of the official record. The public hearing will be conducted in English, but the Navy will make every reasonable effort to accommodate requests for language interpreters or other special communication needs. Such requests must be made to the person listed below at least two days prior to the public hearings.

Additional information concerning this notice may be obtained by contacting: Mr. Will Sloger (Code 064WS), Southern Division, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, P.O. Box 190010, North Charleston, South Carolina 29419-9010, telephone (803) 743-0797.

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### **Intent To Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement for the Proposed Master Land Withdrawal Naval Air Station Fallon, Nevada**

Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy announces its intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the withdrawal of federally-owned lands around Naval Air Station (NAS) Fallon training ranges in Churchill County, Nevada.

The purpose of this action, termed Master Land Withdrawal, is to provide noise, safety, and off-range ordnance hazard buffers around training ranges. The need is based on the increased technological complexity of aerial training and the development and expansion of populated areas in the Fallon region over the last 50 years. The withdrawal footprint is based on the Department of Defense Range Air Installation Compatibility Use Zone (RAICUZ) study of 1982 and the NAS Fallon Range Hazard Analysis Mitigation Report of 1994. These reports define noise, safety, and land use compatibility zones to protect the public and the military users of the training ranges.

Located in the Lahontan Valley of Churchill County in the west central Nevada, NAS Fallon was transferred from the Army to the Navy in 1942. In 1953, NAS Fallon withdrew public lands for training ranges Bravo-16, Bravo-17, and Bravo-19. Due to technological advances in aircraft, weaponry, and training, public safety has become a concern around the training ranges. The proposed action would withdraw up to approximately 189,000 acres of additional land around the existing training ranges to provide safety and noise buffer zones. The Department of the Interior currently administers the lands proposed for withdrawal through the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and Bureau of Reclamation (BUREC).

The mission of NAS Fallon is to provide realistic training and practice opportunities in the use of modern military equipment and tactics for military aircrews, primarily those of high performance jet fighters, strike-fighters, and electronic warfare support aircraft. The withdrawn lands are a critical resource for NAS Fallon in upholding its mission. The objectives of the proposed action are fourfold:

1. Meet training requirements for national defense.
2. Fulfill established operation and RAICUZ safety guidelines.
3. Facilitate protection of the public from off-range ordnance, and
4. Provide for continued public access to and safety on public lands adjacent to military withdrawals.

The proposed action would be consistent with the provisions of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act of 1976 (FLPMA), which defines withdrawal as "an area of Federal land withheld from settlement, sale, location, or entry, under some or all of the general land laws for the purpose of limiting activities under these laws in order to maintain public values in the area; or reserving the area for a particular public purpose or program; or transferring jurisdiction over an area of Federal land \* \* \* from one department, bureau, or agency to another \* \* \*" (43 U.S.C. 1701 section 103). The lands would be managed for military purposes, subject to valid existing rights, for a proposed term of 20 years. A Resource Management Plan will be developed for the withdrawn lands to provide for public safety by defining compatible public uses with military training operations.

Federal, state and local agencies, and interested individuals are encouraged to participate in a scoping process for the EIS. The purpose of the scoping process is to determine public issues and

concerns that need to be addressed in the document and to assess what additional information is available. Two public scoping meetings will be held to receive oral and written comments.

The first will be held in Reno, Nevada on June 6, 1995 at 7 p.m. at the Airport Plaza Hotel, 1981 Terminal Way. The second will be held in Fallon, Nevada on June 7, 1995 at 7 p.m. at the Fallon Convention Center, 100 Campus Way. In the interest of available time, each speaker will be asked to limit oral comments to five (5) minutes. In addition, written comments may be submitted by June 14, 1995, to Commanding Officer, Engineering Field Activity West, Naval Facilities Engineering Command, 900 Commodore Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066-5006 (Attention: Mr. Sam Dennis, Code 185SD); telephone (415) 244-3007, fax (415) 244-3737.

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### **Public Hearing for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Development of Facilities in San Diego to Support the Homeporting of One Nimitz Class Aircraft Carrier**

Pursuant to section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969 as implemented by the Council on Environmental Quality regulations (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), the Department of the Navy has prepared and filed with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency a Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) to comply with the 1993 Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC III) directive from Congress to relocate ships currently homeported at Naval Air Station Alameda to fleet concentrations in San Diego and the Pacific Northwest. Affected ships include two NIMITZ class aircraft carriers, (CVNs), one of which will be realigned to San Diego and is the subject of the EIS.

A Notice of Intent (NOI) for this EIS was published in the **Federal Register** on July 27, 1993. A public scoping meeting for the proposed project was held on August 17, 1993, in Coronado, California. Due to revisions in the proposed action and new technical information, an NOI, which superseded all previous notices, was published in the **Federal Register** on December 28, 1994.

Pursuant to BRAC, the EIS will assess the potential environmental impacts

associated with the construction and operation of those facilities and infrastructure necessary to support the CVN and preserve the existing capability to accommodate one transient CVN. Homeporting a CVN will require dredging of the berthing areas and the San Diego Bay channel, a new berthing wharf involving bay fill, construction of new propulsion plant and ship maintenance facilities, and expanded utilities.

The EIS describes and evaluates potential homeport sites in San Diego Bay, three alternative berthing arrangements, dredge material disposal alternatives, and the "no action" alternative as required by NEPA. The EIS analyzes potential project specific impacts associated with a number of projects proposed for implementation during the next five years at Naval Air Station, North Island. No decision on the proposed action will be made until the NEPA process has been completed and the Navy releases a Record of Decision.

The EIS is available for review at the Coronado Public Library, 640 Orange Avenue, Coronado, California; San Diego Public Library, Science and Industry Section, 820 E Street, San Diego, California; Chula Vista Public Library, 365 F Street, Chula Vista, California; Imperial Beach Public Library, 810 Imperial Beach Boulevard, Imperial Beach, California; National City Public Library, 200 East 12th Street, National City, California; Encinitas Public Library, 540 Cornish Drive, Encinitas, California; and the Oceanside Public Library, 330 North Hill Street, Oceanside, California. All interested parties are invited to submit comments on the proposed action to the address listed at the end of this notice no later than June 26, 1995, to become part of the official record.

A public hearing to inform the public of the DEIS findings and to solicit comments will be held on Wednesday, June 7, 1995, beginning at 7 p.m., in the Coronado High School Auditorium, 650 D Avenue, Coronado, California.

Federal, state and local agencies, and interested parties are invited and urged to be present or be represented at the hearing. Oral statements will be heard and transcribed by a stenographer; however, to ensure accuracy of the record, all statements should be submitted in writing. All statements, both oral and written, will become part of the public record for the study. Equal weight will be given to both oral and written statements.

The EIS point of contact for receiving comments is: Commanding Officer, Southwest Division, Naval Facilities

Engineering Command (Attention: Mr. Bob Hexom, Code 232RH), 1220 Pacific Highway, San Diego, California 92132-5190.

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## DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

### Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement Los Alamos National Laboratory

**AGENCY:** U.S. Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to prepare a Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement for the Los Alamos National Laboratory.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announces its intent to prepare a Site-Wide Environmental Impact Statement (SWEIS) for its Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL), Los Alamos, New Mexico, a DOE multiprogram research and development laboratory. The SWEIS will be prepared pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) of 1969, 42 USC 4321 et seq., the Council on Environmental Quality's NEPA regulations [40 CFR Parts 1500-1508] and the DOE NEPA regulations [10 CFR Part 1021]. It will analyze as alternatives various levels of LANL operations, including reasonable foreseeable new operations and facilities.

DOE initiated a prescoping process with an Advance Notice of Intent published in the **Federal Register** on August 10, 1994 [59 FR 40889]. This Notice of Intent reflects the consideration of comments provided during the prescoping process, including comments regarding NEPA reviews initiated or anticipated at the time of the Advance Notice of Intent, and issues and alternatives for the SWEIS.

**DATES:** The DOE invites other Federal agencies, the State, Indian Tribes, local governments, and the general public to comment on the scope of this SWEIS. The public scoping period starts with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and will continue until June 30, 1995. DOE will consider all comments received or postmarked by that date in defining the scope of this SWEIS. Comments received or postmarked after that date will be considered to the extent practicable.

Public scoping meetings are scheduled to be held as follows:

June 13, 1995; Hilltop House Hotel, 400 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

June 14, 1995; Sweeney Center, 201 West Marcy Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501

June 15, 1995; Northern New Mexico Community College, 1002 North Onate Street, Espanola, New Mexico 87532

The purpose of these meetings is to receive oral and written comments from the public. The meetings will use a workshop format to facilitate dialogue among DOE, LANL, and the public and will provide an opportunity for individuals to provide written or oral statements. The DOE will publish additional notices on the dates, times, and locations of the scoping meetings in local newspapers in advance of the scheduled meetings. Any necessary changes will be announced in the local media.

In addition to providing oral comments at the public scoping meetings, all interested parties are invited to record their comments, ask questions concerning the LANL SWEIS, request speaking times, request to be placed on the LANL SWEIS mailing or document distribution list, or request copies of the LANL SWEIS Implementation Plan (when available) by leaving a message on the LANL SWEIS Hotline at 1-800-898-6623. The Hotline will have instructions on how to record your comments and requests.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments or suggestions to assist the DOE in identifying the appropriate scope of the LANL SWEIS should be directed to: Mr. Corey A. Cruz, U.S. Department of Energy, Albuquerque Operations Office, P.O. Box 5400, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 87185-5400, or by facsimile at (505) 845-6392. For express delivery services, the appropriate address is Pennsylvania and H Streets, Kirtland Air Force Base, Albuquerque, NM 87116.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information on the SWEIS and the public scoping process, contact Corey Cruz at the address and telephone number listed above.

For information on DOE's NEPA process, please contact: Carol Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance (EH-42), U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue SW, Washington, DC 20585. Ms. Borgstrom can be reached at (202) 586-4600, by facsimile at (202) 586-7031, or by leaving a message at 1-800-472-2756.